THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Chief Electoral Officer, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has received a complaint that the Revised Electoral Roll published on 17th January, 2002 includes the names of 142 persons alleged to be Bangladeshi nationals.

(c) The names of such persons will be deleted, as per the election laws, only after the allegation, on enquiry, is found to be correct.

Infiltration of Bangladeshis in Assam

1095. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware that large scale influx of foreigners from Bangladesh is still continuing in Assam regularly, if so, what steps are taken to stop infiltration;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan's ISI is active in many areas of Assam;

(c) if so, the action by Government to curb ISI activities; and

(d) whether any report has been submitted by the Government of Assam to Central Government regarding activities of ISI agents in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a continuous influx of illegal migrants from Bangladesh into India including Assam. A series of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. These include raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads, and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh on various occasions. The progress of these measures is reviewed regularly at various

levels. State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have also been directed to enforce the provisions of the Foreigners Act, 1946 [The Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 in case of Assam] strictly.

(b) to (d) The Chief Minister of Assam had laid a statement on the Table of the House of the Assam Legislative Assembly on 6.4.2000 regarding ISI Activities in Assam. The Central Government has taken note of that statement. To neutralize activities of ISI agents, Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach, which includes strengthening the border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, well coordinated intelligence-based action against ISI agents and militants sponsored by them, setting up outposts of Security Forces and modernization and up-gradation of Police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons/neutralization of various ISI backed modules.

Fire by Bangladeshi nationals on Delhi Police

†1096. SHRI BHACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladeshi nationals opened fire on Delhi Police party which went to catch an anti-social element in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against those Bangladeshi nationals who have done so and who have entered India illegally; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) A police party which had been deputed to arrest 2 persons suspected to be involved in a criminal case was attacked and fired upon by the local residents of a village in the area of Sarita Vihar Police Station. Seven persons were arrested in this connection.

As and when illegal immigrants are detected, the action is taken to

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.